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at their hall, on Locust Street, every
Wednesday night. Visiting brothers are cordially
invited to attend.
E. G. COOK, N. G.
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NOTICE.

DDOL

On left side or hip.

Any person disposing of my cattle in the above
brands without written authority from me will
be prosecuted to the extent of the law.
J. W. DRISKILL.

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of posters, cards, letter heads, bill heads
shipping tags, envelope cards, circulars and
blanks, in the latest and most attractive style.

THE SIGNAL SERVICE.

No science has probably taken advancement as that of meteorology. It is but seven years since the establishment of the signal service bureau, and within that brief period "Old Probabilities" encircles the wide civilized globe. This science has attracted the attention of the civilized nations, and not only in the United States but over the entire width and breadth of civilization in the old world, signal service stations have been established. The organization is not only extensive and complete, but is carried on systematically and with accuracy.

There are many people who give but little attention to the daily newspaper announcements under the heading of "Probabilities" or "Weather Indications," little thinking of the scope from which these weather conjectures are made. One purpose in referring to this subject is the compliment we wish to pay to the Signal Station in Dodge City. We believe the location of the station here will eventually be of incalculable benefit—a large territory of cultivated country in time will reap advantages. From the reports made by this station the weather probabilities for a large section are made up, and which appear daily in the newspapers, and circulated for private and general information. On these vast plains the storm "breeders" are recognized—and it is from this station that the approach of storms is given.

Europe recognizes the value of our meteorological observations. The treasury committee of the British Parliament has submitted a report upon which it suggests the adoption of the American meteorological system. The report sets forth the perfection of the Weather Bureau in the United States, and admits that we are in advance of the world in the accuracy of our forecasts. Not only is the organized signal service bureau receiving great attention, but Prof. Tice, and other eminent meteorologists are reaping the rich reward of fame by their practical researches in the hitherto obscure science.

The benefit to commerce and agriculture derived from these weather prognostications, is immense. Upon the ocean and in the harbors hundreds of ships and thousands of lives are saved annually through the means of information furnished by our weather prophets. The farmer and produce dealer are warned of dangerous storms and unreasonable weather in the cultivation of crops and the transaction in produce exchanges.

It has a well organized head, supplemented with bureaus and divisions, and which has rendered the service so signally effective and complete. Upon every available point in the United States, from which an observation can be of benefit, is found an officer of the Signal Service, with a well equipped and appointed office. We deem it, this point is essentially practical. From these observations are furnished data by which forecasts are made, and impending storms given publicity, and commerce and agriculture alike benefitted. The published reports also show the usual climatic conditions: Rainfall, barometer and thermometer observations are given.

The moon signs may always be the forecasts by which the unregenerate may seek weather predictions, but in the light of the age we must assume to be directed by the events as they cast their shadows before. We can almost within our own brief career revert to the dawn of the iron horse and the electric telegraph—since these means were put in practical use. Within the past fifty years, excepting the steamboat, every practical utilized science has obtained. Could we look in the prospective, and taking the retrospective, how that small space of one hundred years will have astonished the world with its wonders.

By his letter proposing to oust Hayes and seat Tilden in the White House, old Montgomery Blair received three votes for Senator in Maryland. The Democrats think the frying pan rather more comfortable than the fire.

DON'T YOU FORGET IT.

One of the sharpest, most sensible and best written editorials, in a local newspaper controversy that we have ever read, appeared in the weekly Denver Tribune, of the 9th inst. The point and gist of the matter is this: if you wish to outstrip a rival journal never enter into a course of personal abuse of its editor, which will create public sympathy on his side, but give him a live and able newspaper to compete with. There is the secret of success in a nutshell. And the Tribune lives and prospers superbly by practicing its own preaching.

OKLAHOMA.

The schemer not only seeks to despoil the Indian but his abiding place. The latest move is the establishment of a territorial government in the Indian Territory. Colonel Adair, the delegate of the Cherokee Nation, was before the House Committee on Territories, Monday, and spoke for more than an hour in opposition to the bill to establish the territory of Oklahoma in the Indian Territory. He argued that the proposition was in the interest of land speculators and a violation of the treaties and the decision of the Supreme Court. He read from the writings of Presidents Washington, Madison, Jefferson and Jackson, and of Calhoun, in support of the treaty rights of the Indians.

SILVER AND GREENBACKS.

The silver men and repeaters of the House of Congress, held a secret meeting Monday last. Judge Buckner of Missouri was chosen chairman, and Mr. Phillips of Kansas, secretary. Mr. Ewing, of Ohio, opened with a silvery argument, and said the time had come for determined action to meet the underhanded combinations of the East, which had so long controlled the finances of the country.

The irrepressible Ben Butler took the floor, and made a strong greenback speech. He declared it was dollar in itself, that the Government had made it so. In the course of his remarks he said that in the event of a veto, the remonetization and repeal bills should be tacked to the appropriation bills and forced through, even though the whole civil service, army and navy of the Government was starved. This declaration met with a hearty applause.

TEXAS CATTLE DRIVE—1878.

The Kansas City Price Current says the prospects of the drive of cattle from Texas to Kansas, at the present time, are that it will be about the same as last year, if not in excess—that is, 200,000 or over. We say "prospects of the drive," and by that remark we mean that the figures given would indicate about the same number as last year, if not more, will be driven; but the cramp in money matters will, it is generally thought, cut the number down from what is now given. Texas cattle drovers, last year, had quite a successful season of it, and it is considered by those best posted that there was more money made than any previous year since the drives from Texas to Kansas commenced, and this has induced many to drive again.

Below is given a partial list of the number of cattle which will be driven, being obtained from Judge Beverley of Dodge City, a letter containing these facts having been written to that gentleman by Mr. Richard Head, of Texas, foreman for Ellison & Dewese:

Ellison & Dewese.....	8,000
J. & T. Dewese.....	12,000
J. A. Ellison & Son.....	6,000
Little & McDonald.....	12,000
Smith & Savage.....	12,000
D. E. Fant.....	9,000
Snyder Brothers.....	14,000
W. Butler.....	4,000
John Gamel.....	6,000
Pressnall & Mitchell.....	8,000
Wagah & Stevens.....	4,000
Stricker Brothers.....	5,000
Bishop & Hough.....	6,000
J. W. Ruff.....	15,000
C. C. Lewis & Co.....	20,500
W. S. Caruthers.....	8,000
Capt. King.....	10,000
Major Hood.....	4,000
A. Drum.....	2,000
A. R. Adair.....	1,000
Chapman & Tuttle.....	5,000

Total..... 161,500

There are quite a number of the old drovers yet to be heard from.

RESUMING SPECIE PAYMENT.

A private letter from a prominent banker in New York states that the tendency of financial operations is such that it would not be surprising at any moment for New York banks to resume specie payments. It says all that is now asked is to let matters rest as they are, and not interfere with existing legislation. It was stated at the Treasury Department that everything now tended to absolute resumption on the day specified in the act.

CROPS AND IMMIGRATION.

We have conversed with a number of gentlemen from the country during the past two or three days, and all assure us that the prospect for good crops during the coming season were never more encouraging. An unusually large area was planted in wheat, which is looking exceedingly well; better, in fact, than it has ever before appeared at this season of the year. Everything indicates prolific crops for 1878 and the most prosperous year ever known in Kansas. The immigration pouring into the State is immense, and the prospects are that as soon as spring fairly opens it will exceed in volume anything ever before witnessed in the settlement of a Western State.—[Atchison Champion.]

SPEARVILLE.

SPEARVILLE, KAN., Jan. 24th, 1878.

To the Editors of the Times.

On account of the excursion the past week has been quite lively, although there was but a small number who came on the excursion train. Excursionists who stopped off near the line have been arriving each day since. Quite a number have been looking for business locations and the usual number are going to start in business right away, large business houses (that are not brilliant in demand, although our town is improving rapidly, in fact very rapidly; but should a person judge from the talk of these would be merchants he would be led to think that such places as St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City would soon take into insignificance as commercial centers when compared with the gigantic proportions so rapidly assumed in that line by our little town, but notwithstanding this talk much and do little class we have plenty of men who mean business, among these is J. W. Miller, who has the next week raised and partly finished a building on Green street 16x22 a story and a half high; he intends keeping a general feed and flour store. We bespeak Mr. Miller a fair share of the public patronage in his line.

Another of our solid men who means business is J. E. VanVoorhis, J. P., although doing quite an extensive business in his livery, feed and sale stable and real estate office has closed the contract and will immediately break ground for our new hotel, it is to be not less than 24x56 feet and two stories high but will probably be larger.

Among the arrivals last week was Mr. Williams, who purchased two claims, a timber claim and a new claim some time since of Squire VanVoorhis. During Mr. W's continued absence a Mr. Nicolls quietly took possession and built a house on his pre-emption, after being satisfied that Mr. W. had forfeited it. Mr. W. seemed inclined to think that the Squire should return him the purchase money, but the Squire as he understands it can see no law that would require him to do so, and so it remains. Several parties in this part of the country have been and are at present holding claims in a very loose and careless manner. To parties thus evading the law, or to parties holding claims without the shadow of a right to do so, we would just say that a few such examples for their benefit would greatly benefit the country at large.

Elgie VanVoorhis, a brother of the Squire, who was here early last summer arrived here this morning, accompanied by several Penn. friends.

Avant Johnston has commenced the grading of Main street crossing and that is a move in right direction, and when finished will be a work the need of which we have long felt.

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The St. Louis Journal claims that 125,000 drinking men have signed the pledge in Missouri since the first of September.

The New Orleans Picayune calls the Rio Grande "a narrow, crooked nuisance, across which a man may throw a stone, with a possible chance of hitting a patriot and making war with Mexico."

A man was at the Stock Exchange in Kansas City Sunday exhibiting a patent for cutting names in a hog's ear by way of identification. Although an excellent thing for the owner, it was but a poor lookout for the hog.